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SUBJ: UP-GRADING OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE POSITION

1. FOR SOME TIME I HAVE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO UP-GRADE THE DEFENSE ATTACHE POSITION HERE FROM WHAT OUR MILITARY FRIENDS CALL AN O-6 BILLET TO AN O-7, I.E., FROM A COLONEL TO A BRIGADIER GENERAL. YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT THE MILITARY ATTACHE IN ISRAEL CARRIES FAR WEIGHTIER AND MORE CMPLX RESPONSIBILITIES THAN AT MOST MISSIONS. I UNDERSTAND THE ATTACHE SLOT IN CAIRO RATES ONE STAR; I BELIEVE ISRAEL DESERVES EQUAL TREATMENT BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY HERE AND THE NECESSITY FOR MY DEFENSE ATTACHE TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO THE TOP LEVELS OF THE IDF.

2. IF YOU CONCUR, PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE A WORD WITH LARRY EAGLEBURGER AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH BOB ELLSWORTH AT DEFENSE (I ASSUME THAT BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE WOULD HAVE TO CONCUR). ONE POINT WHICH HAS OCCURRED TO ME IS THAT IF SPEEDY AGREEMENT COULD BE OBTAINED THE ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT FIRST BE MADE TO RABIN BY THE PRESIDENT. I AM CERTAIN IT WOULD PLEASE RABIN WHO WOULD WELCOME IT AS A SIGN OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL.

3. IF AN UP-GRADING IS AGREED UPON, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
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GENERAL FORSMAN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. AS YOU KNOW,

HE HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB, IS WELL CONNECTED, AND HAS
LET ME KNOW INFORMALLY THAT HE IS WILLING TO EXTEND.
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THE QUESTION OF HIS EXTENSION SHOULD BE
TREATED SEPARATELY FROM THE QUESTION OF THE UP-GRADING
OF THE BILLET, WHICH SHOULD STAND ON ITS OWN MERITS.

4. I HOPE YOU WILL SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION ON THIS SO
THAT WE CAN DISCUSS IT FURTHER WHEN I SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON
IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.
TOON

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